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Entitled: ELECTRONIC PAYMENT METHOD AND SYSTEM

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This application hereby claims foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, § 119 of any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate on the invention listed below.

Prior Foreign Application

			<u>Priority Claimed</u>
<u>2000-313119</u>	<u>JAPAN</u>	<u>06 October 2000</u>	<u>[X] []</u>
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Enclosed are:

- Specification (including Abstract) and claims: **51** pages.
- Newly executed Declaration/Power of Attorney (original / copy).
- Copy of Declaration from prior application.
- Separate Power of Attorney (including 37 CFR 3.73(b) statement, if applicable).
- 21 drawings (formal – 16 pp) plus one copy (Fig. 1 – 21).
- Microfiche computer program (Appendix).
- Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission, including:
 - Computer readable copy Paper Copy Verified Statement.
- Under PTO-1595 cover sheet, an assignment of the invention.
- Certified copy of Japanese Application No(s). 2000-313119; filed October 06, 2000 is/are filed:
 - herewith or in prior application &@.
- Applicant(s), by its/their undersigned attorney, claim(s) Small Entity Status under 37 C.F.R. §1.27 as an Independent Inventor, or a Small Business Concern, or a Non-Profit Organization.
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